

REMARKS

I. Extension of Time

Applicant request a one month extension of time. A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed for the extension of time.

II. Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended.

Claims 2-9 and 11-14 are original.

III. The Disclosure

The specification discloses and the claims are directed to a convertible sofa bed for recreational vehicles having a storage compartment under the seat bottom. Access to the storage compartment is provided by raising the seat bottom. The seat bottom is supported by a ratcheting mechanism enabling the seat bottom to be raised to a storage access position, and raised again to unlock and then lowered to a seating position, this motion being accomplished without the use of a separate release for a dead bolt type lock.

IV. Claims 1-8 Have Been Amended to Overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

Claims 1-8 have been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections. The preamble of claim 1 has been amended to clarify that claim 1 is an apparatus claim. The preambles of claims 2-8 have also been amended to clarify that they depend from an apparatus claim. With regard to the preamble and body of claims 9-14, it is applicant's position that they are written in proper apparatus claim format.

VI. Summary and Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

Please contact applicant's representative if there are other issues.

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No other fees are believed due at this time, however, please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account 12-0913 with reference to our attorney docket number 923251-94868.

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Respectfully submitted:

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